

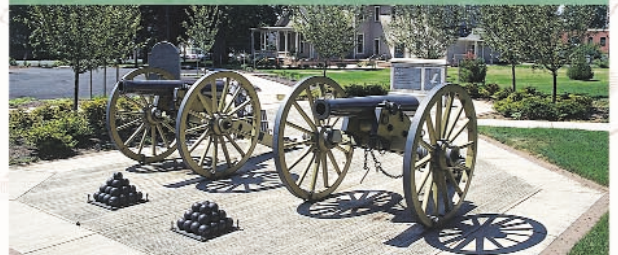
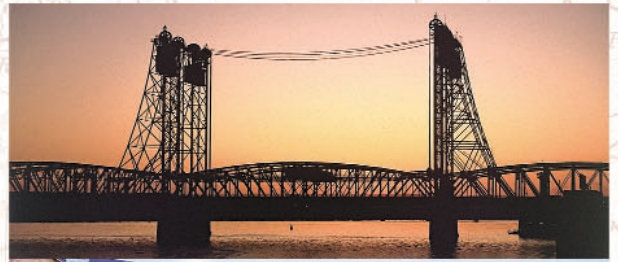
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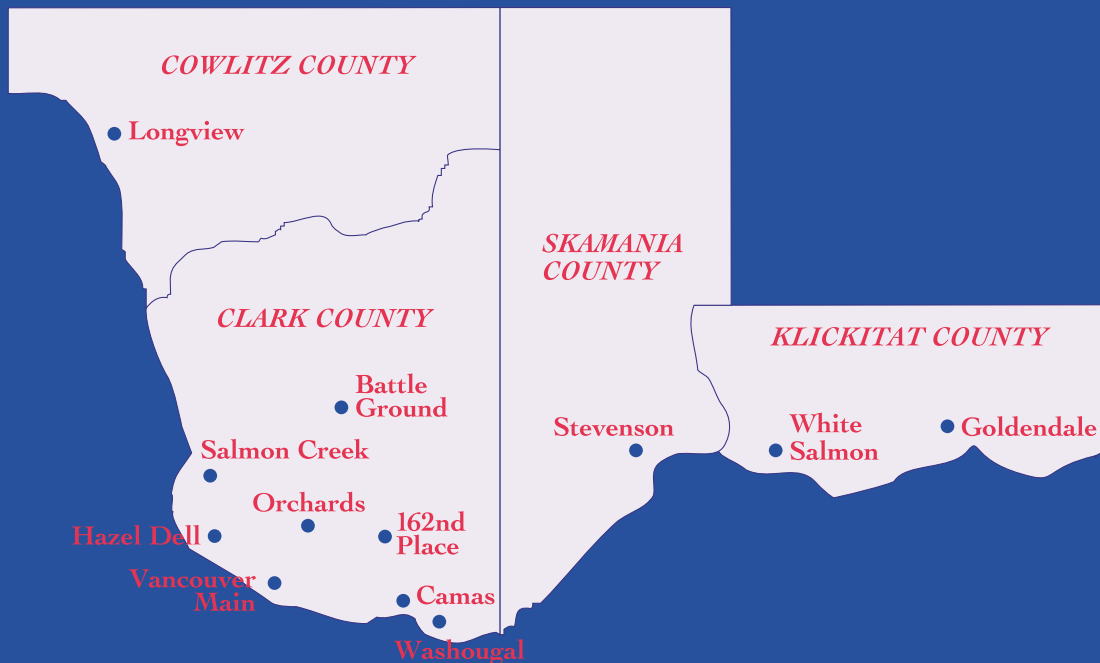
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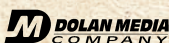
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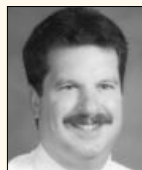
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Ilchee, daughter of a 19th century Chinook chief, overlooks the Columbia River along Vancouver's Renaissance Trail.

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A destination of distinction

Nestled between the Cascade Mountains and the coast of the Pacific Ocean, Clark County offers a blend of pristine nature and modern living — all the best in camping, hiking, boating, golf, shopping and cultural entertainment. Each of the county's cities has something unique to offer visitors seeking the treasures of the Pacific Northwest.

Vancouver

Clark County's hub

Considered the cornerstone of Pacific Northwest history, Vancouver serves as the hub for all of Clark County. In the state's oldest and fourth largest city, one can find the perfect blend of historically rich heritage and modern growth, with all the benefits of small-town living and all the amenities of a major metropolis.

Whether you're looking to do some specialty shopping or get closer to nature, Vancouver is a city that has it all. It is a city of parks and trails and riverfront recreation. It is a gateway to the Columbia River Gorge and Mount St. Helen's National Volcanic Monument, a day-trip away to Mount Hood or the Pacific Ocean. It is a 10-minute bridge trip to Oregon's City of Roses, Portland.

Take a step back in time with a visit to the National Historic Reserve, the site of Fort Vancouver, Hudson Bay Company's 1825 trading post. Stroll down the tree-lined streets of Officers Row, a neighborhood of grand Victorian homes now rehabilitated to include museums, shops, restaurants and offices in a park-like setting. The Pearson Air Museum, the site of the oldest operating airfield in the United States, offers a look back at aviation history, and nearby Vancouver Barracks provides a military perspective.

If its shopping you're after, Westfield Shoppingtown contains a multitude of

shops and department stores. Farmers Market, a seasonal open-air market, is a casual opportunity to browse among local growers and craftspeople and their wares. Main Street is the place for gift and specialty shops and antique hunting. Stop in at the 1930's Kiggins Theater for the latest showing of a favorite movie.

Vancouver maintains a glorious system of trails and bike paths varying from paved to primitive. Take a hike. Vancouver is the most walker-friendly city in the West. Walk or bike-ride along rivers and lakes, through forests and fields. View wildlife in natural wetland habitats.

If manicured greens are more your speed, check out any of the 13 area golf courses.

One of the most spectacular events Vancouver has to offer is its annual Fourth of July fireworks celebration held at Fort Vancouver, the largest display of its kind west of the Mississippi.

Take your time; there is much to see and do. Fishing, biking, windsurfing, swimming, hiking, boating and more, it's right here. With all this city has to offer, your time here will be well-remembered.

Amboy

In the shadow of a volcano

Getting back to nature is easy in this rural community nestled in timber country on the outskirts of Chelatchie Prairie. To celebrate

their rustic lifestyle, residents hold an annual gathering, Amboy Territorial Days. Held in July, this event features lawn mower races, axe-throwing competitions, tree-chopping contests, food booths and more.

Lying in the shadow of Mount St. Helens, Amboy residents and guests had a spectacular view of the volcano's eruption on May 18, 1980, and the region's restoration over the last two decades. Mount St. Helens National Monument Headquarters is located in Amboy.

Battle Ground

Destination of choice

Battle Ground got its unlikely name when a skirmish between native Indians and Fort Vancouver soldiers was settled peaceably here in 1855. Its small-town character and historical flavor still thrive in this fast-growing area.

At Fairgrounds Park, volunteers are restoring a 1917 steam engine and rebuilding tracks for the railroad that played a crucial role in the logging and settling of Clark County. Visitors are welcome to watch, learn and help recover this piece of local heritage.

Harvest Days is an annual summer celebration that includes parades, exhibits, food, games, street dances, big-name bands and local talent for lots of old-fashioned fun.

Battle Ground is a gateway to the

Clark County, Washington

Battle Ground CONTINUED

Cascade foothills and a world of recreation. Battle Ground Lake State Park (in the crater of an extinct volcano) and Lewisville Park (the state's oldest county park) are just minutes away. Drive a little farther up one of the forks of the Lewis River to find forested lakes with excellent fishing and magnificent views of Mount St. Helens and tranquil Moulton Falls.

Camas-Washougal

Gateway to the Gorge

Camas and Washougal are neighboring cities which form one community east of Vancouver. Situated on the shores of the Columbia River, they serve as the gateway to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Described as one of the most beautiful areas in the world, the gorge offers the grandeur of the Columbia and Washougal rivers, as well as river valleys, the foothills of the Cascades and the snow-capped peaks of Mount Hood and Mount St. Helens.

During the summer the community celebrates its history with Camas Days, which includes food booths, arts and crafts, parades, live entertainment, a wine- and microbrew-tasting event and a host of other activities for the entire family. Washougal also celebrates its heritage with its own town festival, Frontier Days.

Downtown Camas centers around a unique downtown area where much of the local historic architecture has been preserved, the landmark Liberty Theater a prime example. Halloween and Christmas are also major celebrations in the old downtown area.

The Port of Camas-Washougal is the site of year-round air, water and industrial facilities, as well as Marina Park and Parker's Landing Historical Park.

Lacamas Lake, just north of Camas, is popular for boating, fishing and swimming. Hiking trails wind through 312 acres in Lacamas Park on adjacent Round Lake.

Visit historic downtown Washougal for a glimpse of its small-town charm. Tours and

shopping at the famous Pendleton Woolen Mills are a favorite with visitors.

The Washougal River is a noted fishing spot with the winter and summer steelhead runs and the spring and fall salmon runs. Dougan Falls is a favorite spot along the Washougal River, also popular for swimming and rafting.

National champion motorcycle racing is the premier event at the Washougal Motocross Track. The AMA Nationals are held here the first weekend in August each year.

La Center

A city of quiet distinction

The tiny town of La Center may provide a lifestyle free from the hustle and bustle of the big city, but it also offers unique diversions available nowhere else in the county. Casinos are the big attraction in La Center, promising excitement, entertainment and top-notch restaurants, all within walking distance in the heart of town.

Salishan Vineyards, the only vineyard in Clark County, is just north of town. The winery is noted for its tradition of producing limited-edition, award-winning wines.

With magnificent views of Mount St. Helens and an abundance of recreation at the 12-acre community and wetlands parks, the historic town is an ideal destination for the whole family.

Ridgefield

Your destination for nature

Ridgefield offers unparalleled access to prime examples of the Northwest lifestyle. A small community whose heritage is deeply connected to the water and the land, Ridgefield has unique offerings from local merchants and artisans in its historic downtown.

Community events held annually include the Fourth of July Celebration, Home Town Celebration in December and the Clark County Fair in August.

The Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge is a 4,000-plus-acre refuge for waterfowl



Lacamas Park, Camas

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habitat including Canadian geese, tundra swans and ducks. Such birds as the American bald eagle, red-tail hawk, osprey, peregrine, blue heron and sandhill cranes are also familiar sights along foot trails and auto tours.

A day on the Columbia River usually begins in Ridgefield, whose marina and port just blocks from the city center provide the starting point for water enthusiasts.

Yacolt

The best of two worlds

Nestled in the foothills of the majestic Cascade Mountains lies the community of Yacolt. Located northeast of Vancouver, the town's residents reap the benefits of easy metropolitan access and quiet rural living.

Catch a glimpse of rustic 1920s life at the Pomeroy House and Living History Farm which features tours, herb and vegetable gardens and a cozy tea room.

Prime hunting and fishing areas surround Yacolt. The east fork of the Lewis River is only five minutes south of town with some of the best steelhead fishing in the state. Sailing and swimming are enjoyed by many on the lakes. Moulton Falls Park offers almost 400 acres of rivers, creeks, picnic areas, volcanic rock formations and historic Native American meeting grounds. Back roads and trails allow easy access for hikers, campers and horseback riders to scenic mountain areas populated with deer, elk, an occasional bear or cougar and many species of birds.

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Fort Vancouver: A day at Fort Vancouver can include guided tours, casual strolls in park-like surroundings or participating in living history demonstrations.

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Southwest Washington is an area rich in contrast. Following a decade of record-breaking growth, the region remains as close to nature as a growing metropolis can. Whether you're visiting the area on vacation, for business or for a quick getaway, there's an abundance of sights to see, retreats to enjoy and history to revisit. Following is a sampling of "must-sees," just for starters.

History Brought to Life

Fort Vancouver

National Historic Reserve

Fort Vancouver Way and
Officers Row, Vancouver
360-696-7655, ext. 17 / 800-832-3599

www.nps.gov/fova

9-5 daily, March-October

9-4 daily, November-February

Enjoy guided tours, living history demonstrations and casual walks through the reconstructed 1800s fort that was the cornerstone of Pacific Northwest history. Special programs and events are scheduled throughout the year through the Visitors Center, the O.O. Howard House, located near the Fort. Call for more information. (See the special section on the Vancouver National Historic Reserve on page 16.)

O.O. Howard House

750 Anderson St., Vancouver
360-992-1820

www.nps.gov/fova

9-5 daily, March-October

9-4 daily, November-February

Built in 1879 as a residence for U.S. Army General O.O. Howard, this house was completely renovated in 2000 and now serves as the Visitors Center for both the Vancouver National Historic Reserve and the Southwest Washington Visitors & Convention Bureau. Special programs, tours and exhibits are offered daily throughout the year.

Marshall House

1301 Officers Row, Vancouver
360-693-3103

11-6 weekdays, some weekends

This imposing Queen Anne Victorian home is considered the crown jewel of Officers

Row in the Vancouver National Historic Reserve. Tours and exhibits are offered. Meeting and event space are available.

Grant House

1101 Officers Row, Vancouver
360-694-5252

11-6, weekdays; some weekends

Folk art exhibits and workshops and other events are held in what was once the home of the first commanding officer of nearby Vancouver Barracks. The splendid Victorian exterior actually masks a log house. A gallery and gift shop exhibit local arts and crafts. The Grant House Restaurant (360-696-1727) is open daily for lunch and dinner.

Covington House

4201 Main St., Vancouver
360-695-6750

Open for tours during summer and by appointment

Originally built as a home for an English farmer more than 100 years ago, Covington House later became the area's first school house. The oldest building still remaining in Vancouver was rebuilt in the early 1900s. It is now maintained by the Women's Club of Vancouver as a meeting place and historic showplace.

Cedar Creek Grist Mill

Cedar Creek Road, Woodland
360-225-5832

www.lewisriver.com/mill

1-4, Saturdays; 2-4, Sundays

This old-time flour mill is more than 100 years old, now restored and fully functioning alongside an enchanting creek near an authentic covered bridge. Guides will even grind your grain if you bring some along, or you can purchase fresh-ground corn and wheat.



Take a step back in time with a visit to the Vancouver National Historic Reserve.

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Hidden House

100 W. 13th St., Vancouver
360-693-1417, 360-696-2847

11-2, Monday-Friday,
lunch and high tea

5-on, Tuesday-Saturday, dinner

Prominent local citizen and brick manufacturer Lowell Hidden built this family home, now an elegant restaurant, in 1885. Call for reservations.

Pomeroy House & Living History Farm

20902 N.E. Lucia Falls Road, Yacolt
360-686-3537

www.home.pacifier.com/~pomeroy

11-4, Saturdays; 1-4, Sundays

Glimpse living history at the Pomeroy's family log home built in 1920, along with a working blacksmith shop, barn, herb and vegetable gardens and pastures. Special

Pomeroy House CONTINUED

events held throughout the summer include crafts demonstrations, an old-fashioned Fourth of July, quilt show, herb festival and children's weekend. Visit the British import shop and tea room.

Museums

Clark County Historical Museum

1511 Main St., Vancouver
360-695-4681

1-5, Tuesday-Saturday

Experience the history of Clark County in this 1909 library now itself on the National Register of Historic Places. Authentic and reproduced items recreate an old general store, post office, print shop and doctor's office. A railroad exhibit and other artifacts and special events illustrate the changing history of the region.

North Clark County Historical Museum

21416-399th St., Amboy
12-4, Saturday

Local citizens, artisans, businesses and organizations are developing this former church built in the early 1900s.

Pearson Air Museum

1109 E. Fifth St., Vancouver
360-694-7026

www.pearsonairmuseum.org

10-5, Tuesday-Sunday

Located at the Jack Murdock Aviation Center in the heart of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve, the museum features an extensive exhibit of vintage aircraft, as well as a theater showing aircraft-related films, a computer resource center, and a hands-on activity center for young people. Special events are scheduled throughout the year.

Rocket City Neon Museum

1554 N.E. Third Ave. Camas
360-834-6366

www.rocketcityneon.com

9-5, Monday-Friday

A collection of antique neon signs, gas

pumps, jukeboxes and advertising is displayed in and around full-size recreations of old storefronts. A reception hall is available for special events.

Two Rivers Heritage Museum

001-16th St., Washougal
360-835-8742

11-3, Tuesday-Saturday

The proud heritage of the Camas-Washougal area is showcased here with local artifacts, Native American relics, and antique doll and clock collections. Displays change throughout the year.

Historic Markers and Sites

Captain Vancouver Monument

Esther Short Park, Esther Street, between 6th and 8th streets, Vancouver

Built in honor of the British army captain whose expedition in the 1700s led to the exploration of the Columbia River and the Pacific Northwest, this life-size statue was sculpted by Jim Demetro.

Chkalov Society

Transpolar Monument

1109 E. Fifth St., Vancouver

Three Soviet aviators flying the first non-stop flight over the North Pole route landed here unexpectedly in 1937. Their flight is commemorated here near the Pearson Air Museum.



Chkalov Society Transpolar Monument

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Pearson Air Museum

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Henry J. Kaiser Shipyard Memorial

Marine Park, Columbia Way, Vancouver

A three-story viewing tower and interpretive center was erected in honor of U.S. industrialist Henry J. Kaiser and the thousands of men and women who worked at the site building the ships for World War II.

Ilchee Monument

Waterfront Trail on the Columbia River, Vancouver

This seven-foot tall bronze statue honors the daughter of Comcomly, a 19th century Chinook chief. It is situated in its own public plaza along Vancouver's waterfront, just west of McMenamins restaurant overlooking the Columbia. According to Native American lore, Ilchee had the power of a shaman, and she paddled her own canoe, the sign of a chief.

Lewis and Clark Marker

6th Street and Highway 14, Washougal

This monument marks the site of Lewis and Clark's 1806 camp on the famous explorers' return trip upriver to St. Louis.

Mother Joseph

Southwest Washington Medical Center
400 N.E. Mother Joseph Place,
Vancouver

This statue was erected to honor the Catholic nun who was responsible for the design and construction of Providence Academy on Evergreen Boulevard, once a hospital, orphanage, school and convent. Before her death in 1902, Mother Joseph built 29 hospitals, schools and missions across the Pacific Northwest.

Parkersville National Historic Park

24 A St., Washougal,
Port of Camas-Washougal
360-835-2196

On the banks of the Columbia River, this archaeological and historical site commemorates the first settlers in the area. The park features a rose garden, a gazebo and historical information. Picnic tables and benches overlook the marina and boat launching area.

Pioneer Mother

Esther Short Park,
8th & Columbia streets, Vancouver

This bronze statue of mother and children by famed sculptor Avard Fairbanks is dedicated to the brave women who helped settle the region.

Providence Academy

400 E. Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver

Built in 1873 by Mother Joseph, a pioneer Sister of Providence, the building has served as a hospital, orphanage, convent and school. It now houses professional offices, shops and a cafe.

Arts

Altman Gallery

210 W. Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver
360-695-9298

10-5, Tuesday-Friday, Saturday and Monday by appointment

Original works on canvas, etchings and sculpture by Pacific Northwest artists.

Archer Gallery

Clark College, Lower Gaiser Hall, Fort Vancouver Way
360-992-2701

www.csci.clark.edu

9-8, Tuesday-Thursday; 9-4, Friday; 1-5, Saturday-Sunday

Gallery features Northwest artists including renowned regional artists and significant emerging talent. Mixed-media exhibits are free to the public.

Columbia Arts Center

400 W. Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver
360-693-0350
www.columbiaartscenter.com



Columbia Arts Center

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The Columbia Arts Center, originally built in 1912 as a church, is architecturally enthralling, has a rich history of performance, and is said to be haunted by the Rev. Charles Edward Baskerville (who drowned in the Columbia River in 1929). Art, dance and theater performances are scheduled year round. Gallery, studios, ballroom, theater and meeting rooms are available to the public. Call for events calendar or visit the center online.

Firehouse No. 12

518 Main St., Vancouver
360-695-2660

www.firehouseno12.com

10-5, Saturday, and by appointment

This glassblower's studio and gallery is located in a distinctive 1930s newly renovated building.

Gallery 21

1013 Main St., Vancouver
360-699-4744

10-5, Tuesday through Friday,
10-4, Saturday

Original watercolors, acrylics and photographs, pottery and glassware.

Old Slocum House Theatre

605 Esther St., Vancouver
360-696-2427

www.slocumhouse.com

8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday;
2 p.m. Saturday

This fully restored 1867 Victorian home now houses theater productions throughout the year. Call for production dates and times.

Second Story Gallery

421 N.E. Franklin St., Camas
360-834-4692

10-9, Monday-Thursday; 10-7, Friday; 10-6, Saturday

The works of local artists and photographers are displayed in this gallery over the Camas Library.

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra

Royal Durst Theater,
Vancouver School of Arts & Academics
3101 Main St., Vancouver
Skyview High School Auditorium
1300 N.W. 139th St., Vancouver
360-735-7278

Saturdays and Sundays

Community orchestra of more than 70 musicians perform major concerts from October to June with some summer events.



Vancouver Symphony Orchestra

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White Sturgeon Art Gallery

Water Resources Education Center
4600 S.E. Columbia Way, Vancouver
360-696-8478

9-5, Monday-Saturday

Mixed-media paintings and photography are featured year round in the galleries at the Water Resources Education Center.

Shopping Extravaganza

Craving a shopping excursion? There's enough unique shopping stops in this area to satisfy every shopper's needs and whims. If you're in a "shop-til-you-drop" mode, try

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Shopping Extravaganza CONTINUED

Westfield Shoppingtown (8700 N.E. Vancouver Mall Drive, Vancouver), a two-level mall with about 150 shops. It's the only full-scale mall in the county. Main Street, uptown and downtown Vancouver, offers an eclectic mix of trendy shops featuring gift boutiques, music and art, books and beads, garden supplies, and much, much more. The area is a haven for antique hounds. Farmers Market (Esther Street between 6th and 8th) is the place to visit on weekends for fresh produce and art and crafts. From there it's an easy walk over to the Vancouver Marketplace at Evergreen Boulevard and Columbia Street with its restaurant, boutique and gallery. The Vancouver Waterfront is the place for a relaxing stroll with elegant eateries and new boutiques springing up along the river's walkways. While you're at the Fort, visit the Grant House, which features local art crafts and souvenirs. If you've spent the day roaming the countryside, check out Battle Ground's downtown, as well as the villages surrounding the town, for charming antique shops. Head out to Camas-Washougal for one of the area's most popular tours and shopping spots, Pendleton Woolen Mills, (2-17th St., Washougal), which has an outlet store that sells some of its famous products.



Uptown Village, Vancouver

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Kids & Family Fun

Interactive Play

Young visitors to the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site can participate in the Fort Vancouver Junior Ranger Program (750 Anderson St., 360-992-1820) and explore the Fort's history and earn a badge and certificate. Learn how to fly at the Pearson Air Museum Children's Hands-on Activity Center (1115 E. Fifth St., 360-694-7026). The science of flight is taught through educational games, 10-5, Tuesday-Sunday. An interactive exhibit hall, sturgeon aquarium, computer game room, multimedia theater, art gallery and gift shop are situated in the Water Resources Education Center (4600 S.E. Columbia Way, 360-696-8478). Visit 9-5, Monday-Saturday, near Marine Park along the Columbia River, overlooking a wetland.

Movie Theatres

An evening at the movies may be just the way to relax at the end of a day of sight-seeing. Visit any of the local modern complexes or take a trip back in time at one of the historical landmark theaters. Call the theater nearest you for more information.

Regal Cinemas

Cascade 16
1101 S.E. 160th Ave., Vancouver
360-882-5458

Cinema 99

9010 N.E. Highway 99, Vancouver
360-571-3456

City Center 12

801 C St., Vancouver
360-735-1223

Vancouver Plaza 10

7800 N.E. Fourth Plain, Vancouver
360-253-7769

Kiggins Theater

1011 Main St., Vancouver
360-737-3161
www.kiggins.com

This recently renovated art deco-style theater was built in 1936 and features first-



Water Resources Education Center

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run movies, special showings of favorite blockbusters and classics from the 1930s and 1940s. Call for movies and times.

Liberty Theater

315 N.E. Fourth Ave., Camas
360-834-2131

www.libertytheater.com

This community showpiece features first-run movies in a completely restored 1927 classic theater with state-of-the-art projection and sound systems. Call for movies and show times.



Liberty Theater, Camas

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Neighborhood Fun Wagons

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services hosts this program with special themes and events for children ages 5 to 12 and scheduled throughout the summer at

parks across the region. Fun includes clowns, slip-and-slides, carnivals, arts and crafts and games. Call 360-696-8161 for information.

Race Track

Hot-Track (N.E. 139th St. at 3rd Court, 360-546-5278 or 877-722-3968) is a world-class go-kart indoor track where you and up to 18 friends or family members can engage in wheel-to-wheel competition. Karts are for drivers 14 years of age and older. Arcades and fun for the whole family.

Skating

Play it cool at the Mountain View Ice Arena (14313 S.E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver, 360-896-8700), a chilling family center that has two NHL-size ice rinks. Professionals and national champions have been spotted practicing at this year-round winter wonderland. It's fun on wheels at Golden Skate (4915 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver, 360-696-0368) for individuals, groups and private parties. Call for public session times.



Mountain View Ice Arena, Vancouver

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Swimming

Sure-fire fun and plenty of exercise at any of the area public swimming pools will keep the kids cool and happy.

Marshall Center Community Pool
1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver
360-696-8236

Hough Community Pool
1801 Esther St., Vancouver
360-696-8245

Camas Outdoor Community Pool
120 N.E. 17th Ave., Camas
360-834-2382



Neighborhood Fun Wagon

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Manufacturing Tours

Pendleton Woolen Mills

2-17th St., Washougal
360-835-1118 or 800-568-2480
45-minute tours Monday-Friday;
call for times.

Tour this famous fabric mill, in business since 1863, and see first-hand the process of making products of 100 percent virgin wool. The mill has a store that's open Monday through Saturday.

Georgia-Pacific Mill

401 N.E. Adams St., Camas
360-834-8118

This landmark plant is open for tours only in the summer to witness the creation of paper products from pulp to final goods for such brands as Brawny, Quilted Northern, Vanity Fair and Dixie. Visitors must be 12 years of age or older. Tours run about three hours. Call to arrange tour.

Night Life

Many of the clubs in and around Vancouver may be easy to miss, but they're well worth the search. Café Pacific (The Academy, 400 E. Evergreen Blvd., 360-695-9211) bills itself as an "American Bistro" and the only such

non-smoking establishment in the area. It features a blues jam and open mike on Wednesday nights, pop and rock on Fridays, and a mix on Saturdays. Back Alley (6503 E. Mill Plain Blvd., 360-694-6873) has become one of the top blues clubs in the Vancouver-Portland area, with an impressive list of regular performers including Linda Hornbuckle, Andy Stokes, Norman Sylvester, Lloyd Jones and Kenny Blue Ray. The Cascade Tavern & Grill (15000 S.E. Mill Plain Blvd., 360-254-0749) features blues on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, and rock on Thursday and Sunday. Cascade has earned the Muddy (as in Waters) Award, for best blues venue and best performance of the year. Many of the top blues bands from the Northwest have performed here, as well as national acts on occasion. And there's no place like the Arnada Café (1717 Broadway, 360-750-9596). It features live music every night except Sunday. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday serve up various bands with sounds ranging from punk, heavy metal and rock, to acoustic and alternative. Clientele ranges in age from 21 to 50. Club 99 (7005 N.E. Highway 99, 360-693-8125) features live classic rock on the weekends and Karaoke during the week. Baby boomers who cut their teeth on '70s and '80s rock will love this place. Call Huckleberry's Books & Coffee (809 Washington St., 360-750-9629) and ask what they're serving up on their menu and in their eclectic shop that offers special classes as well as music, theater and poetry nights.

Spots are springing up all over, especially in the central downtown area, including relaxed and casual Chicago Blues, Pizza Blues and Chronis' Restaurant & Lounge.

The town of La Center is the place to go if you're feeling lucky and ready to take a chance at a game of cards. La Center has four card rooms lining its downtown main street, Northwest Pacific Highway. Try the Double Down Saloon & Casino, Palace Casino, the Last Frontier and the New Phoenix Casino, all within walking distance of each other. Drive north on Interstate 5 to the La Center exit, number 16.

One Place Across Time

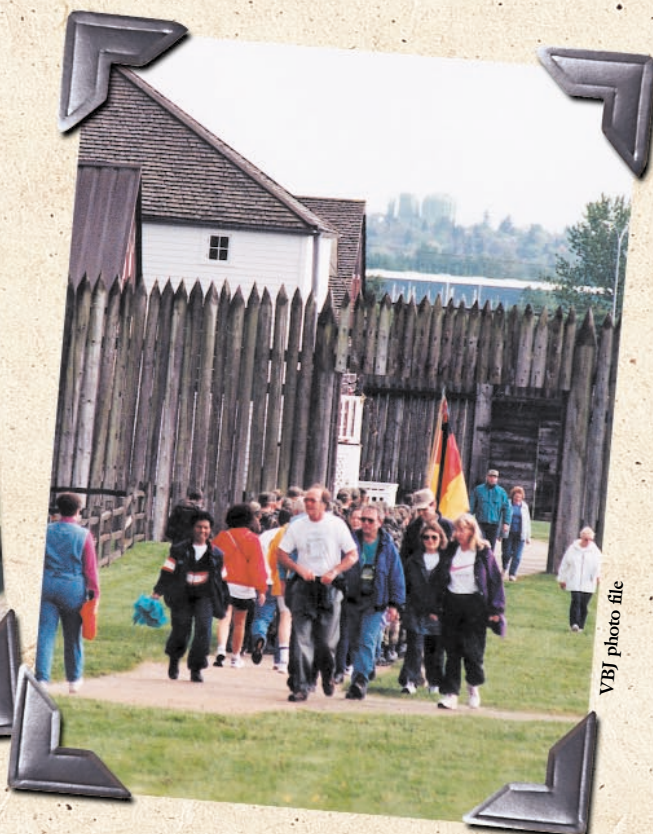
Explore the Vancouver National Historic Reserve

Experience Northwest history by strolling through a splendidly tranquil environment, the Vancouver National Historic Reserve. Share in the greatest Fourth of July celebration west of the Mississippi. Imagine yourself living in 1825 as the Hudson's Bay Company establishes its headquarters at Fort Vancouver, situated near the banks of the powerful Columbia River with majestic Mount Hood rising above it.

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Allow one to two hours to tour the reconstructed Fort Vancouver, attend living history demonstrations and stroll down Officers Row.

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Fort Vancouver National Historic Site

360-696-7655

www.nps.gov/fova

Operated by the National Park Service, the Hudson's Bay Company trading post allows you to experience mid-19th century life. The bustling fort was the center of political, cultural and commercial activities in the Pacific Northwest. See the blacksmiths at work, the fur warehouse and the Chief Factor's house. The nearby Visitor's Center contains exhibits and the Trading Post offers historical gifts. Plan to participate in many special events such as the Candlelight Tour in September.

Fort Vancouver is open daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from March through October, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from November to February. Call 360-696-7655, ext. 17, for information.

Pearson Air Museum

at Jack Murdock Aviation Center

360-694-7026

www.pearsonairmuseum.org

The Smithsonian Institution called it "the last remaining pre-World War II airfield in the United States." The 23,500-square-foot museum documents the aviation history of local air space. View antique aircraft, exhibits commemorating the area's flight history and an interactive children's museum. Guided tours are available as well as an extensive aviation gift shop. Don't miss the annual August antique aircraft fly-in.

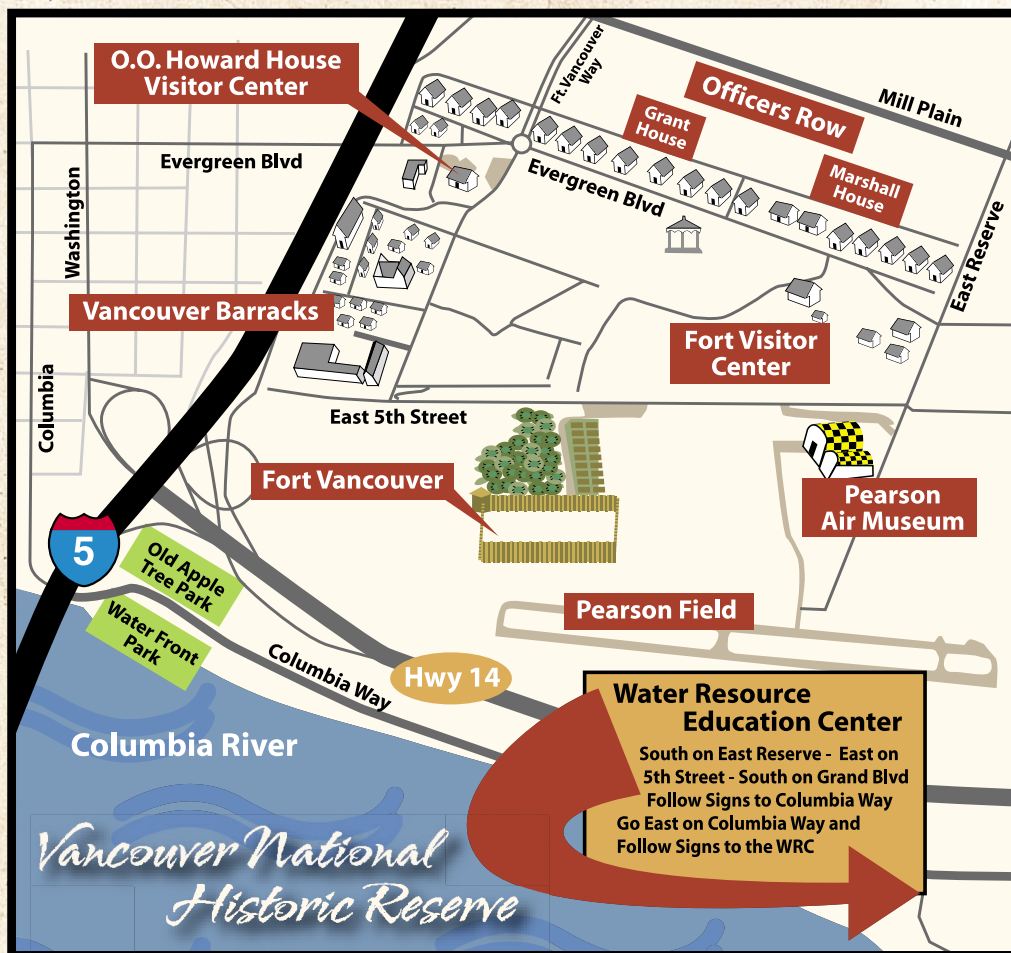
Visit Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Officers Row

In 1849, U.S. Army troops were dispatched to Vancouver to establish a post just north of the Hudson's Bay Company. Construction of the barracks and officers' housing began at that time. Stroll down the tree-lined street and you'll find 22 remaining

houses that have been rehabilitated and listed on the National Historic Register. Three houses are open to the public — O.O. Howard House, Grant House and Marshall House; the others are private residences and businesses. Situated just south of Officers Row sits Vancouver Barracks, a U.S. Army base established in 1849.

Begin your walk at the O.O. Howard House on the west end of the Row. Named after General Oliver Otis Howard, who was responsible for Howard University and the Freedman's Bureau, it was home to the General and his family in the late 1870s. National Park Service guides offer historic talks and



Postcard of the Grant House

Courtesy of CLARK COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

One Place Across Time

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walks which detail daily military life. Reflect on the outstanding exhibit, One Place Across Time, which chronicles the history of the area.

The O.O. Howard House is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., March through October, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., November through February. Call 360-992-1820 for information.

Also located on site is the Center for Columbia River History. For information on its free public education programs, call 360-992-1821 or visit them at www.ccrh.org.

Walking east from the O.O. Howard House, visit the Grant House, home and headquarters for the first commanding officer of Vancouver Barracks. Its lovely double verandah may deceive you, for beneath it (and the siding) is a hand-hewn log house. Although he never lived there, the house is named for former President Ulysses S. Grant, who was stationed at the Barracks in 1852-1853. Today the house is a lively gathering place for folk art exhibits and workshops. The Grant House Gallery sells splendid works by regional artists. The Grant House is open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Call 360-694-5252 for

details. The Grant House Restaurant offers fine dining daily in the historic setting. Call 360-696-1727 for lunch, Sunday brunch or dinner reservations.

Continuing east, discover the crown jewel of Officers Row, the Marshall House, built in 1886 for the commander of the Department of the Columbia. It is named for General George C. Marshall who resided there 1936-1938. The General, recipient of the 1953 Nobel Peace Prize, is honored annually with Celebrate Freedom programs. The house is a shining example of Queen Anne Victorian style architecture. Stop by for a tour and to view exhibits. The Marshall House is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on some weekends. For information, call 360-693-3103 or visit at www.ci.vancouver.wa.us.

Water Resources Education Center

360-696-8478

www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/watercenter

Situated on the Columbia River near the end of the Historic Reserve's 366 acres is the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 S.E. Columbia Way.

The Center picks up the story of the waters and wildlife that were so vital in our past and



Officers Row house

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considers how we must protect and preserve them today. View a 350-gallon native species aquarium. Explore interactive exhibits. Study healthy salmon stream components. Engage in water-related science activities. Don't miss the White Sturgeon Art Gallery's spectacular thematic exhibits, the March community celebration Splash!, a delightful gift shop and the June Sturgeon Festival. This educational facility is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Outdoor Adventures



Golf: More than a dozen public and private courses dot the Clark County area.

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If it can be done outdoors, chances are it can be done at its best here in Southwest Washington. This region of The Evergreen State promises to satisfy your appetite for adventure, offering grand opportunities for every outdoor activity conceivable: hiking, biking, swimming, golf, windsurfing, camping, boating, kayaking, fishing, picnicking, skiing, snowboarding and other outdoor sports. We promise you there is something for everybody who enjoys exploring.

Must See

A few of the most popular "must see" attractions deliver the very best Mother Nature has to offer.

Take a **river cruise on the Columbia River** for the perfect perspective of Washington and Oregon's border. Try the elegant Portland Spirit (110 S.E. Caruthers, Portland, Ore., 503-224-3900, 800-224-3901), which offers a variety of cruises year round including meals and moonlight dances. Sternwheelers, old-fashioned two- and three-deck paddlewheel-driven ships offer sightseeing, meals and theme cruises on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. Try The Sternwheeler Rose (6211 N. Ensign, Portland, Ore., 503-286-7673) or the Sternwheeler Columbia Gorge & Marine Park (1200 N.W. Naito Parkway Ave., Portland, Ore., 503-223-3928).

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (301 N. 3rd Ave., Ridgefield, northwest of Vancouver) is about 5,000 acres of migratory and winter habitat for hundreds of species of wildlife. Enjoy a 4-mile auto tour open year round, or a 2-mile walking trail open March through September. This area serves as a sanctuary for beaver, deer, otter, great blue heron, sandhill cranes, geese and many other species of birds. 360-887-4106.

The Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge (east of Washougal along Highway 14) is a 900-acre bird sanctuary where more than 3,000 Canadian geese have made their winter home in lake and river bottom lands. 509-427-5208.

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest comprises more than a million acres of forest and wilderness ranging from the Columbia River and the crest of the Cascades to Mount Rainier National Park, and includes mountains, campgrounds, trails and lakes for the best in hiking, climbing, camping, horseback riding and skiing. Mount St. Helens sits within its borders. Spectacular trails that range from comfortable to challenging can be found less than an hour's drive from Vancouver. Enjoy wildlife, waterfalls, camping, giant old-growth trees, rocky peaks and panoramic views in the Mount Adams, Indian Heaven or Trapper Creek Wilderness areas. Other popular trails include Lewis River, Lower Falls Creek and Siouxon. 360-891-5000.

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area begins just east of Washougal. Follow Highway 14 for a leisurely trip up the gorge and stop at Beacon Rock State Park, Bonneville Dam, Bridge of the Gods, Skamania Lodge, the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center and Carson Mineral Hot Springs. 541-386-2333.

A major restoration project by local citizens, the **Chelatchie Prairie Railroad** is set to resume excursions from Battle Ground through Yacolt to Chelatchie Prairie. The first excursion is scheduled for Memorial Day 2001. Contact the Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce for more information. 360-687-1510.

Vancouver's **Waterfront Park and Trail** (off Highway 14's exit 1 on Columbia Way) is the route for plenty of sightseeing,

picnicking and beachcombing. Recently developed and expanded, the area is planned as a thriving destination for walkers, boaters, cyclists, shoppers and vacationers, stretching from downtown's Esther Short Park east to Wintler Park. 360-696-8173.

Parks and Recreation

Although Clark County has an abundance of parks, not all parks are created equal. For more information about Southwest Washington's parks, go online to www.co.clark.wa.us or www.nps.gov or www.parks.wa.gov/parkpage. To contact Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation, call 360-696-8171.

Here are a few parks that offer more than just a swing set.



Esther Short Park, Vancouver

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Bagley Downs (4807 Plomondon, Vancouver) community center has restored wetlands, picnic tables, playground, trails, sports court, baseball/

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soccer field and restrooms.

Battle Ground Fairgrounds Park

(east end of Main Street, Battle Ground) is the site of the Harvest Days festival and other local celebrations.

Battle Ground State Park

(18002 N.E. 244th St., Battle Ground) features a spring-fed lake in an extinct volcano surrounded by woods for hiking, picnicking and bird-watching in a 279-acre park. This is the oldest state park in the county. 360-687-4621.

Big Eddy (on Washougal River Road, approximately 5 miles northeast of Washougal) is a primitive, off-the-beaten-path site. There are no restrooms and parking is limited. There is a rock beach with some rocks large enough to lie on for sunbathing, and fishing as well. 360-696-6211.

Chelsea Anderson Memorial Playstation

(Ft. Vancouver Way between Mill Plain and McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver) is a playground where kids can run across bridges, climb or slide down poles, go down slides, play on swings, climb on bars and ropes, play in the sand or pretend to drive a fire truck and much more in a safe and inviting atmosphere. 360-696-8171.

Crown Park (15th and Everett, Camas) has picnic tables, playground, sports courts and an outdoor swimming pool.

David Douglas Park (1016 N. Garrison Road, Vancouver) has picnic tables/shelter, a playground, trails, sports court, baseball/soccer field and restrooms.

Daybreak Park (26401 N.E. Daybreak Road, Battle Ground) is 35-acre park along the east fork of the Lewis River that features picnicking, swimming, restrooms, play equipment, and a riverside hiking trail, as well as a boat launch. This is a great spot for fishing enthusiasts.

Esther Short Park (8th and Columbia, Vancouver) in the heart of downtown has picnic tables/shelter, playground, trails and restrooms. The Vancouver Farmers Market is located adjacent to the park, April

through October. Activities are planned year round, such as concerts and artists events, as well as theater productions at the Old Slocum House.

Frenchman's Bar Riverfront Park

(9612 N.W. Lower River Road) is west of Vancouver between Vancouver Lake and the Columbia River with walking trails, a mile-long sandy beach and a close view of ships passing on the river. 360-735-8838.

HB Fuller Park (N.W. 139th St. and 2nd Ave.) on the north end of Vancouver is a combination park and sports complex with picnic tables and shelters, playground, trails, baseball/soccer field, and restrooms.

Hazel Dell Park (2300 N.E. 68th St., Vancouver) is a 20-acre community park with picnic tables and shelter, playground, trails, baseball/soccer field and restrooms. Trails ramble through dogwood, cedar and fir trees.

Klineline/Salmon Creek County Park

(1112 N.E. 117th St., Vancouver) has picnic tables, trails, swimming, fishing, baseball/soccer fields and restrooms. The spring-fed lake is a popular swimming spot for all ages. 360-735-8839.

Lacamas Park (S.E. Everett Road, Camas), popular with picnickers, boaters and fishermen, is located south of Lacamas Lake and its Lacamas Creek cascades across a unique rock formation. Huge old-growth trees surround picnic tables, playground, paved and primitive trails, swimming, fishing and restrooms.

La Center Bottoms (E. 4th St. and Stonecreek Dr., La Center) is a 314-acre park comprising wetlands, a flood plain and forests. A trail wanders through areas populated with coyote, otters and migratory birds.

La Center Community Park (1000 E. 4th St., La Center) picnic tables/shelter, trails, baseball/soccer fields, sports courts, restrooms and concession stand.

Lake Merwin (24706 N.E. Columbia Tie Road, Amboy) is an ideal spot for hikers and boaters. Situated in the foothills of Mount St. Helens, it is an official nesting ground for the bald eagle. 360-247-5940.



Falcon sightings are a joy to hikers and bird-watchers.

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Leverich Park (Leverich Park Dr. and 39th St., Vancouver) has picnic tables/shelter, playground, trails, baseball/soccer field and restrooms on the 23-acre site. Enjoy tall Douglas firs and a meandering creek.

Lewisville Regional Park (26411 N.E. Lewisville Hwy, Battle Ground) has a hiking trail that follows the east fork of the Lewis River with great spots to enjoy and explore the river and other outdoor activities. Ample picnic areas can accommodate large and small groups. 360-735-8838.

Lucia Falls Regional Park allows a scenic hike along the east fork of the Lewis River to the falls near Yacolt. 360-735-8838; 360-696-8219.

Marine Park (S.E. Marine Park and Columbia Way) offers one of the best bird's-eye views of the Columbia River from Kaiser viewing tower, former site of the Kaiser Steel shipyards. The park includes a beach, fishing pier, boat launch and dock. 360-696-8173.

Moulton Falls Regional Park starts at Lucia Falls Road and Sunset Falls Road near Yacolt. View waterfalls and early lava flows and lava volcanic rock formations while hiking the trails. Picnic areas and restrooms are included in this 387-acre park. At one time, the site was an important Native American meeting place. 360-696-8171

Mount St. Helens National Monument Headquarters (42218 N.E. Yale Bridge Road, Amboy) is the first stop on your way up Mount St. Helens for

maps, hiking information, road conditions and Christmas tree permits. Open Monday through Friday. 360-247-3900.

Old Apple Tree Park (Columbia Way east of the I-5 bridge, Vancouver) is a quick respite along the Renaissance Trail down to the waterfront and features an apple tree planted in 1826, believed to be the oldest apple tree in the state.

Orchards Park (9800 N.E. 54th St., Vancouver) is a 33-acre community park with play equipment, horseshoe pits, picnic tables/shelter, trails and restrooms. Enjoy the Hall of Fame Rose Garden as well as an abundance of wild flowers.

Paradise Point Park (16 miles north of Vancouver off I-5, exit #16) is an 88-acre camping park on the east fork of the Lewis River with access to a boat launch, fishing, hiking and camping. 360-263-2350.

Pleasant Valley Park (14415 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave., Vancouver) has picnic tables/shelter, trails and restrooms.

Parkersville National Historical Park (24 A St., Camas) is the site of the first American pioneer settlement in Clark County. Adjacent to the Port of Camas/Washougal, it features rose arbors, boat launch and river overlook. 360-834-4792.

Vancouver Lake Park (6801 N.W. Lower River Road) west of town offers an ideal spot for family sports such as windsurfing, wildlife viewing, fishing and boating, with rental equipment available. The park stretches for 2.5 miles along Vancouver Lake. Enjoy picnicking, play structure, sand volleyball and swimming. The lake is the site of college and professional rowing competitions during the year. The park is also a wetlands haven for wildlife and migratory waterfowl. 360-696-8171.

Waterworks Park (Fort Vancouver Way and Fourth Plain Boulevard, north of Clark College, Vancouver) is a 20-acre park not far from downtown, and features a new skateboard park, formal gardens, trails, playground, gazebo and evening concerts. 360-696-8031.

Whipple Creek (N.W. 179th St. and 21st Ave., Ridgefield) features easy-access trails. This is a 300-acre undeveloped park with many miles of seasonally muddy trails, catering to hikers and equestrians. Whipple

Creek is home to many types of wildlife, including woodpeckers, hawks, and beavers. This park is an exceptionally pristine and tranquil forest environment.

Wintler Park (6400 Beach Dr., Vancouver) and its sandy beaches are situated on the Columbia River, suitable for picnicking, barbecues, fishing, windsurfing and boating. It is also accessible by the city of Vancouver's Waterfront Trail. 360-696-8171.

Wy'east Community Park (1112 S.E. 138th Ave., Vancouver) includes picnic tables, a playground, trails and a sports court. 360-696-8171.

Trails

According to local walking and hiking enthusiasts, Clark County enjoys a year-round walkable climate and a trail system that promotes access to environmental education, historic interpretation and public arts amid the Pacific Northwest's glorious landscape.

Here are some trail locations to get your feet pointed in the right direction.

Columbia River Waterfront Trail is a four-mile, 14-foot-wide paved waterfront trail that follows the Columbia River. Along the way, it passes Waterfront Park, the Renaissance Promenade and the plaza dedicated to Ilchee, a Native Indian chief's daughter. The Water Resources Education Center is along this trail, as well as the Old Apple Tree, Marine Park wetlands and the Kaiser Viewing Tower and Shipyards.

Burnt Bridge Trail crosses a 13-foot bridge over a creek at Beaver Marsh Park. This heavily wooded trail begins at the end of 98th Avenue off Burton Road in Vancouver.

Discovery Trail combines four trails from Fruit Valley Road to Douglas Park. Stewart Glen Trail meanders through thick forests and grass bottom lands over bridges to Hazel Dell Avenue. The Leverich Park to Bagley Park Trail runs along Burnt Bridge Creek through forests and grasslands. The Fourth Plain Trail follows the Bonneville Power Administration's power line through Meadow Homes Neighborhood Park to Devine Road. Blandford Drive Trail is a dirt forest trail with a steep grade through Blandford

Drive canyon from MacArthur Boulevard.

Ellen Davis Trail, covered by crushed rock, follows the Burnt Bridge Creek through the Bonneville Power Administration gardens, along manicured grounds of the JD Ross Substation Complex and through a forested buffer zone in the Minnehaha area. It connects Discovery Trail with St. James Road.

Heisen Trails start at the Heisen Bridge by N.E. Lucia Falls Road, a tree-lined drive bordering the east fork of the Lewis River to Moulton Falls County Park and on to the historic town of Yacolt.

Lacamas Trails at Lacamas Park in Camas offer superb opportunities, paved and primitive, to view birds, rock formations and water falls along with picnicking stops and a children's play center.

La Center Bridge Interpretive Trail follows the dike on the east fork of the Lewis River, offering a bird's eye view of La Center Bottoms wildlife. The trail runs on the east side of the La Center Bridge and is dotted with interpretive signs and wildlife blinds. 360-735-8839.

Lewis River Trail, 13.5 miles long, passes three major waterfalls along a low-elevation valley bottom. The trailhead is located at Curly Creek Falls and has restrooms, viewing areas and is barrier-free for wheelchair access. The trailhead can be reached by following Forest Service Hwy 90 at the east end of Swift Reservoir.

Salmon Creek Greenway Trail winds around wildlife interpretive areas, wetlands and ponds, duck nesting boxes and restored habitat. The trail extends from Cougar Creek to Felida Bridge, and is accessible from Felida Bridge or the Kline Regional Park and Swimming Area. 360-735-8839.

Trapper Creek Wilderness is the closest pristine wilderness area to Vancouver. Its 6,000 acres includes a number of geological and ecological types of terrain including old-growth Douglas fir forests, rocky peaks, huckleberry fields and high meadows with seasonal wild flowers. 360-891-5001.

Golf

Golf is a much-appreciated sport in the Pacific Northwest. This area alone offers more than a dozen courses. And if golfing

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isn't your style, hike a few courses for the beautiful scenery golf course architects embrace.

Bowyer's Par-3 Golf Inc.

11608 N.E. 119th St., Vancouver
360-892-3808

public, 18 holes, 1,015 yards, par-27
rates: \$8-\$15

Come for day or night golf on this family-run course. It also has a pro shop, golf lessons and a clubhouse.

Camas Meadows Golf Club

4105 N.W. Camas Meadows Drive,
Camas

360-833-2000, 800-750-6511

public, 18 holes, 6,518 yards, par-72
rates: \$30-\$70

This challenging course winds its way through nature and around natural wetlands with periodic views of Mount Hood. Amenities include a clubhouse, banquet facility, restaurant, pro shop and PGA instruction.

The Cedars Golf Club

15001 N.E. 181st St., Brush Prairie
360-687-4233

public, 18 holes, 6,423 yards, par-72
rates: \$14-\$28

The Cedars features a full-service clubhouse, driving range, pro shop, golf lessons, food service and a banquet facility.

Club Green Meadows

7703 N.E. 72nd Ave., Vancouver
360-256-1510

private, 18 holes, 6,486 yards, par-72
rates: \$22-\$36; initiation \$4,550 (single);
monthly \$195

This course offers tight fairways, excellent greens, athletic club, swimming, tennis and weekly men's and women's play. Driving range, pro shop, golf lessons, clubhouse, food service and banquet facilities are also available.

Fairway Village Golf Course

15509 S.E. Fernwood Dr., Vancouver
360-254-9325

public, 9 holes, 2,623 yards, par-34

rates: \$12

The course, which is heavily tree-lined, features three par-3s, five par-4s and one par-5. The facility has food service and provides beverages on the course. It also has a complete golf shop.

Green Mountain Golf Course

2817 N.E. Ingle Road, Vancouver
360-883-8463

public, 18 holes, par-72
rates: \$18-\$51

Open to the public, this course is also available for tournaments and group play. Considered a classic, Green Mountain, easily accessible from Camas and Vancouver, offers lessons and has a complete pro shop and clubhouse.

Hartwood Golf Course

12506 N.E. 152nd Ave., Brush Prairie
360-896-6041

public, 9 holes, 1,588 yards, par-29
rates: \$9-9.50 (\$7.50 seniors)

The course bridges the gap between par-3 and regulation golf with grass tees and long holes. Pro shop, clubhouse and food service are on site. No metals spikes allowed.

Lakeview Par-3 Golf Challenge

2425 N.W. 69th St., Vancouver
360-693-9116

public, 9 holes, 1,822 yards, par-27
rates: \$7-\$13

A difficult par-3 course that is heavily lined with trees and dotted with deep sand traps and water hazards. The difficulty is offset by its spectacular view of Vancouver Lake.

Lewis River Golf Course

3209 Lewis River Rd., Woodland
360-225-8254

public, 18 holes, 6,363 yards, par-72
rates: \$26-\$35

With a picturesque setting along the river, the course features plenty of water hazards and tree-lined fairways. This course can be played by high-handicap players, but can still be difficult for low handicappers. It offers a pro shop, driving range and restaurant.

Orchard Hills Golf & Country Club

605 39th St., Washougal
360-835-5444

private, 18 holes, 5,896 yards, par-72



Camas Meadows Golf Club

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rates: \$17.50-40; initiation \$5,000;
monthly \$145

This private course offers well-kept greens with a pro shop, golf lessons, clubhouse, food service and banquet facility.

Pine Crest Golf Course

2415 N.W. 143rd St., Vancouver
360-573-2051

public, 9 holes, 1,200 yards (par-3), par-27
rates: \$7.25-7.75

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The private courses boast narrow fairways and fast greens. Pro shop, golf lessons, clubhouse, food service and banquet facility are among the clubs amenities.

Tri-Mountain Golf Course

1701 N.W. 299th St., Ridgefield
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public, 18 holes, 6,580 yards, par-72
rates: \$16.50-34

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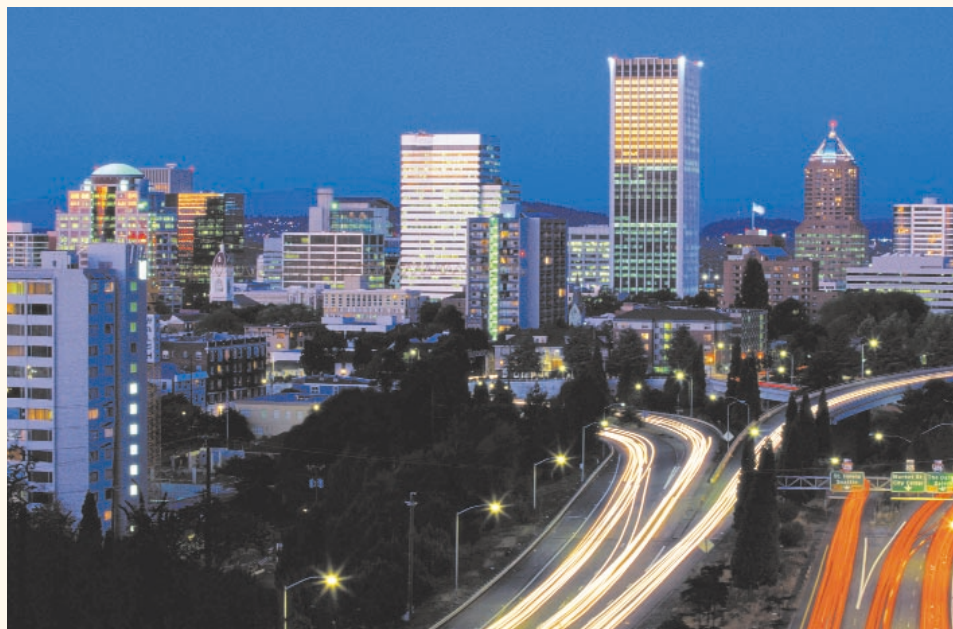
The Pacific Ocean coastline in Washington and Oregon provides one of the most spectacular shorelines in North America. From rugged, rocky terrain to forests and small villages, this is one site you won't want to miss.

Rafting & Wind Surfing

The Columbia River and other area tributaries provide a wide array of water sports. For those who enjoy adventure, consider a rafting trip through raging rivers. For the more sports-minded, the Columbia River Gorge, just east of Vancouver and near Hood River, Oregon, provides a perfect place to wind surf. Hood River is fast becoming one of the world's most popular wind-surfing spots. And it's only about one hour east of Clark County.

Wineries

Both Washington and Oregon have begun to establish a reputation for their award-winning wines. Because the valleys between the coastal and Cascade mountain ranges are composed of volcanic soil, maintain a temperate climate year round and winters are wet while summers are dry, this area rivals Northern California. Just 30



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to 45 minutes southeast of Vancouver and Portland is Oregon's Washington County, a suburban area that has a large cluster of wineries. A wine loop is posted on highway signs and many of the vintners have tasting rooms and gift shops.

Growing from 10 to more than 155 wineries in the past 25 years, Washington now ranks second in wine production in the United States. The state has four officially recognized wine-producing regions, Columbia Valley, Puget Sound, Walla Walla Valley and Yakima Valley. Call the Washington Wine Commission at 206-667-9463 or log on to www.washington-wine.org for more information.

Portland

Known as the City of Roses, Portland is a great day trip. Enjoy some of the coffee houses downtown, visit the area's only zoo in Washington Park, or tour the Pittock

Mansion overlooking Portland and the Cascade Mountain range. Portland is a quick 10 minutes from Vancouver. Contact the Portland Visitor's Bureau, 877-678-5263.




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Something to satisfy everyone's musical appetite is offered in a variety of concerts, from choral music from the sacred classical repertoire to light pop, classical and jazz. (Call or visit online for spring schedule)

March

Splash!

Water Resources Education Center,
4600 S.E. Columbia Way, Vancouver
360-696-8478

Enjoy mouth-watering foods from local waterfront restaurants, jazz, art, ecological exhibits and more at the Center's anniversary party. Afterward, stroll outside for a night view of the Columbia River. (2001 date: March 8)

April

Farmers Market

Esther Street, between 6th and 8th streets, Vancouver

www.vancouverfarmersmarket.com

This annual outdoor market is held every Saturday through October, offering the best of Northwest produce, plants and crafts, next to Esther Short Park. (2001 date: Opens April 7)

Kids' Fishing Derby & Watershed Festival

Lacamas Lake Park, Everett Street, Camas

360-834-5307

Bring your family for great prizes and events at Lacamas Lake Park for this free annual event for kids ages 1 to 14. Fish offshore or from boats, then enjoy food and free entertainment at the festival. (2001 date: April 14)

Discovery Walk Taste of Nations Festival

Esther Short Park, Esther and 8th streets, Vancouver

360-892-6758

www.discoverywalk.org

This international event is celebrating its fifth year in conjunction with the Taste of

Nations Festival. Everyone is invited to three days of noncompetitive walking events, entertainment, gourmet food, and making new friends from around the world. Register for the Discovery Walk at the Red Lion Inn at the Quay. The Walk begins and ends at downtown's Esther Short Park, where the Taste of Nations Festival is being held. (2001 date: April 20-22)

Earth Action Day

Water Resources Education Center,
4600 S. E. Columbia Way, Vancouver
360-696-8478

Join students and biologists on Critter Count Day to survey the amphibians and reptiles of the region. You will be trained in field identification so you can count frogs, newts and other critters in their own wetlands. (2001 date: April 21)

May

Farmers Market

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Enjoy this outdoor market held every Saturday through October, offering the best of Northwest produce, plants and crafts, next to Esther Short Park.

Spring's Best Bet

Farmer's Market

The Farmers Market is located in downtown Vancouver, near Esther Short Park, on Esther St. between 6th and 8th streets. It is open every Saturday from the first week in April through the last week in October, and on Saturday and Sunday through August and September.

Enjoy local arts and crafts and performers and taste the many fresh delights the Northwest has to offer. You'll find vegetable starts, hydroponics, herbs, spices, bulbs, tubers, fresh and potted plants and flowers, shrubs, honey products and much, much more. The Farmer's Market really let's you enjoy the flavor of the region.



Vancouver Farmers Market

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Walk for the Animals

Esther Short Park, Esther and 8th streets, Vancouver
360-693-2978

Take a playful walk down to Vancouver's waterfront and make new two-legged and four-legged friends. Pledges earned on this walk support the Southwest Washington Humane Society. (2001 date: May 12)

Hazel Dell Parade of Bands

Hazel Dell Avenue and Highway 99, north of Vancouver
360-576-1195

Local junior high and high school marching bands join in this year's theme, A Musical Odyssey, along with floats, classic cars and more. (2001 date: May 19; 2002 date: May 18)

Spring Swing Dance

360-694-7026
Pearson Air Museum,
115 E. 5th St., Vancouver
Swing to the music of the '40s with the Art Abrams Swingtet. Dance lessons and prizes. (2001 date: May 19)

Herb Festival

Pomeroy Living History Farm,
20902 N.E. Lucia Falls Road, Yacolt
360-686-3537

Thousands of fresh herb plants for sale, entertainment, food service and vendors are gathered for this annual rustic festival. (2001 date: May 19-20)

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra

Skyview High School Auditorium
1300 N.W. 139th St., Vancouver
360-735-7278

The season finale includes guest artist Barbara Roberts performing Schumann's Piano Concerto in A Minor. (2001 date: May 19-20)

Queen Victoria's Birthday

Vancouver National Historic Reserve
360-992-1820

Fort Vancouver celebrates the Queen's birthday with a toast in period costumes and the raising of the Union Jack flag. (2001 date: May 20)

BRAVO! Concert Series

St. Joseph Church,
400 S. Andresen Road, Vancouver
360-696-4407
www.bravoconcerts.com

The Pacific Jazz Orchestra and the Seattle Jazz Singer pay homage to one of America's greatest composers, George Gershwin. (2001 date: May 20; call or visit online for 2002 dates)

Summer

Farmers Market

Esther Street, between 6th and 8th streets, Vancouver

www.vancouverfarmersmarket.com

Enjoy this outdoor market held every Saturday, offering the best of Northwest produce, plants and crafts, next to Esther Short Park.

June

Vancouver Symphony

Royal Durst Theatre, Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, 3101 Main St.; Skyview High School Auditorium, 1300 N.W. 139th St., Vancouver
360-735-7278

Community orchestra of more than 70 musicians perform major concerts from October to June. (Call for 2001-2002 schedule)

Sturgeon Festival

Water Resources Education Center,
4600 S.E. Columbia Way, Vancouver
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Summer's Best Bet

Clark County Fair

Don't miss Summer's Best Party and one of Clark County's biggest events. From August 3 to 12, 2001, this 10-day extravaganza boasts world-class entertainment, including main stage headliners Lee Ann Womack and BTO, along with a monster truck rally and a national bull riding championship.

Thousands of exhibits, lots of animals and a giant carnival with midway, great food, featured attractions, a Kids Corner and Action Zone make it a great experience for the whole family. The Fairgrounds are just 7 miles north of Vancouver, west of Interstate 5, exit 9.



Clark County Fair

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Calendar of Events

Sturgeon Festival CONTINUED

Bring the family to help celebrate the Columbia River's ecosystem. (2001 date: June 9)

Flag Day

Vancouver National Historic Reserve
360-992-1801

Come Celebrate Freedom with the 22nd annual Pause for the Pledge at the Reserve's parade grounds. The Grant House holds a reception after the ceremony. (2001 date: June 14)

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Fort Vancouver Days

360-576-7796 or 503-813-4623

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, this annual four-day fete includes an evening of gourmet delights, a chili cook-off with live music and fun events for kids, an auto show, historical tours and a new "Fun Run." (2001 date: June 29-July 2)

July

Fourth of July Fireworks & Celebration

Vancouver National Historic Reserve
360-992-1801

Possibly the most popular event of the year features the biggest fireworks show west of the Mississippi. It's an all-day event with music, food and crafts vendors.

Amboy Territorial Days

Amboy Community Park, Amboy
360-686-3383; 263-4429

This annual festival and parade honoring the area's logging and Native Indian history includes a logging show, carnival, food and crafts and lawn mower races. (2001 date: July 6-8)

Harvest Days and Hot Air Balloon Festival

**Battle Ground Fairgrounds Park,
912 E. Main St., Battle Ground**
360-687-1510

This festival kicks off with a grand parade followed by a weekend packed with music, dances, entertainment and an old-fashioned carnival. Don't miss the spectacular hot-air balloons' Night Glow and early morning lift-offs. (2001 date: July 12-15)

Brigade Encampment

Vancouver National Historic Reserve
360-992-1820

View living history with the annual return of the Hudson's Bay trappers. (2001 date: July 14-15)

Six to Sunset Concerts

Esther Short Park, Vancouver
360-696-8031

Held every Thursday from mid-July to mid-August, stop by for an evening of music and fun. (2001 date: July 12-August 23)

Summer Concerts at Crown Park

Everett Street and 17th Avenue, Camas
360-834-5307

Camas invites you to relax Wednesday nights with a wide variety of sunset concerts in the Crown Park outdoor amphitheater. (2001 date: July 25-August 29)

Camas Days Street Fair

4th Avenue, Camas
360-834-2472

This festival features parades, crafts, booths, a wine and microbrew-tasting event, a carnival, bathtub races, concerts and more. Events are held around Camas including Grove Field, Crown Park and the downtown area. (2001 date: July 28-29)

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Clark County Fair

17402 N.E. Delfel Road, Ridgefield
360-397-6180
www.clarkcofair.com

One of the most popular events in Washington state and certainly the Vancouver-Portland metropolitan area, this event features acres of vendors and exhibits, animals, a carnival and headliner entertainment. (2001 date: August 3-12)

Quilt Show

**Pomeroy Living History Farm,
20902 N.E. Lucia Falls Road, Yacolt**
360-686-3537

The art of quilting is demonstrated and vendors display their art and wares at the rustic farm. (2001 date: August 4-5)

Evergreen Antique Aircraft Fly-In

Evergreen Field, 13800 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver

www.nwaac.org

The Northwest's largest antique aircraft fly-in features more than 500 aircraft on display. (2001 date: August 17-19)

Uptown Village Festival

Main Street between McLoughlin and Fourth Plain boulevards
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Local shops and vendors offer sales, arts and crafts, music, entertainment and special activities for the kids. (2001 date: August 18-19)

Wine & Jazz Festival

Esther Short Park, Esther Street,
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360-906-0441

This three-day extravaganza features 15 jazz bands, 35 Northwest wineries, fine artists and fine food. (2001 date: August 24–26)

Founders Day

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360-992-1820

This commemoration of the signing of the National Parks Act some 85 years ago, which made Fort Vancouver a national historic site, is marked with group tours and living history productions. (2001 date: August 25)

Art & Soul Festival

360-566-1107/www.nwcsonline.com

Taste of Vancouver

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www.thetasteofvancouver.com

Esther Short Park, Esther and 6th streets, Vancouver

Bring the family for a weekend celebrating visual and performing arts, crafts and food with 100 artists and vendors including an Ice Cream Village and a Root Beer Gazebo. (2001 date: August 31–September 3)

Fall

Farmers Market

Esther Street, between 6th and 8th streets, Vancouver

www.vancouverfarmersmarket.com

Enjoy this outdoor market open every weekend in August and September and Saturdays through October, offering the best of Northwest produce, plants and crafts, next to Esther Short Park.

September

Sausage Fest

St. Joseph Church,
6500 Highland Drive, Vancouver
360-696-4407

A three-day festival with sausage and food booths, arts and crafts, a carnival and entertainment for all. (2001 date: Sept. 7–9)

Alexander Pearson Day

Pearson Air Museum,
115 E. 5th St., Vancouver
360-694-7026

This day honors Pearson Field's namesake, the Vancouver resident who made the first aerial survey of the Grand Canyon. (2001

date: September 8)

Candlelight Tour of Fort Vancouver

Vancouver National Historic Reserve
360-992-1820

Life in the 1800s is recreated with guided evening tours of the candle-lit Fort. (2001 date: Sept. 14–15)

October

Vancouver Symphony

Royal Durst Theater, Vancouver School of Arts & Academics

3101 Main St., Vancouver

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1300 N.W. 139th St., Vancouver

360-735-7278

www.vancouversymphony.org

Community orchestra of more than 70 musicians perform major concerts from October to June. (Call for 2001–2002 schedule)

Old Apple Tree Celebration

Esther Short Park, Esther and 6th street, Vancouver

360-735-8836

A celebration dedicated to the oldest apple tree, about 170 years, in the Pacific Northwest is held in conjunction with the

Fall's Best Bet

Ghost Stories

Every Fall around Halloween, in Vancouver National Historic Reserve, the past comes back to haunt the community. This unique event, held this year on October 20, 2001, is interactive theater, with small ensembles spinning stories on porches, grounds and drawing rooms of the stately Victorian homes on Officers Row near downtown Vancouver.

Every year children and adults attend to hear stories, witness mock funeral processions, enjoy an afterlife game show, and partake in hay rides, among other ghoulish activities created through collaboration among many local theater groups, students and heritage volunteers.



Ghost Stories

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Calendar of Events

Old Apple Tree Celebration CONTINUED

Farmers Market and includes hayrides to the Old Apple Tree Park. (2001 date: October 6)

Pumpkin Festival

Pomeroy Living History Farm, 20902
N.E. Lucia Falls Road, Yacolt
360-686-3537

Hayrides and a haybale maze, scarecrow making and pumpkin painting are a few of the traditional activities at this annual festival. (2001 date: October 6-7)

Birdfest 2001

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge,
Ridgefield exit from Interstate 5
360-887-4106

An open house to celebrate the wildlife refuge is held each year during prime bird-watching season. A variety of events are held in and around Ridgefield, 20 miles north of Vancouver, during the second full week of October. (2001 date: October 13-14)

Ghost Stories

Vancouver National Historic Reserve
360-696-8031

Celebrate the spirits of Halloween with story-telling and theatrical performances on

Officers Row. (2001 date: October 20)

Celebrate Freedom

360-992-1800

A star-spangled series of events is kicked off with a gala evening that includes headliner entertainment and fireworks, followed up by the Veterans Day parade and memorial, the Marshall Lecture series and the Pearson Air Museum's USO Dance. (2001 date: October 21)

November

Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony

Vancouver National Historic Reserve
360-992-1820

To honor all those who made a difference through U.S. military activities, held in conjunction with Vancouver's Celebrate Freedom events. (2001 date: November 10)

USO Hangar Dance

Pearson Air Museum,
115 E. 5th St., Vancouver
360-694-7026

A tradition started during World War II is now a part of Vancouver's Celebrate Freedom and is an evening of music, dance and food. (2001 date: November 10)

Winter

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Winter's Best Bet

"Reserve" Your Holiday! Christmas at the Fort

Held in 2001 from December 7 to 9, this free event sparks nostalgia for attendees of all ages. Local character actors don fashions from 1845 and re-enact traditional preparations for Christmas Day.

From preparing the holiday feast to organizing celebrations, this is one event that can fill a whole day. Be sure to schedule it in. You don't want to miss it!



Christmas at the Fort

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December

"Reserve" Your Holiday!

Christmas at Fort Vancouver
Vancouver National Historic Reserve
360-992-1820

Celebrate the Christmas season Victorian style as Officers Row is decorated in lights and holiday cheer. Take advantage of special shopping opportunities at the retail shops on the Reserve. (2001 date: December 7-9)

Christmas Ships Parade

www.christmasships.org

Some 60 ships decorated with fantastic holiday lights parade the Columbia and Willamette rivers nightly for two weeks. A spectacular and unusual site that can be enjoyed from numerous vantage points on either side of the Columbia. (2001 start date: December 10)

January

Clark College Jazz Festival

Clark College, 1800 McLoughlin Blvd.,
Vancouver
360-992-2662

The top high school vocal and instrumental jazz musicians in the Pacific Northwest gather for this three-day event. (2002 date: January 24-26)

NOTE: All events are local annual events. Call to verify dates for 2002.

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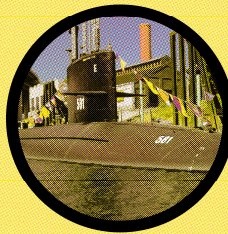


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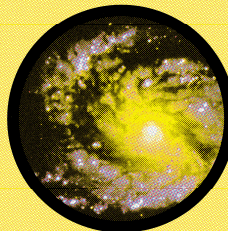


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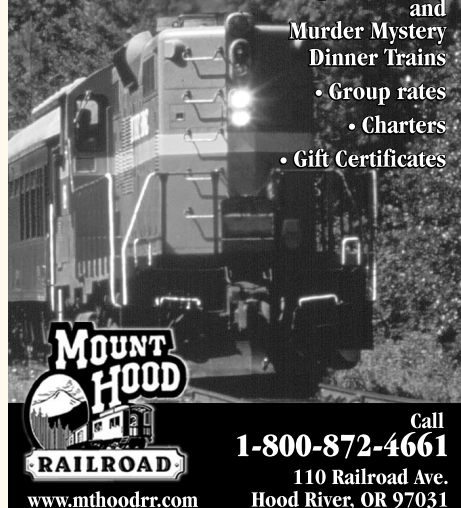
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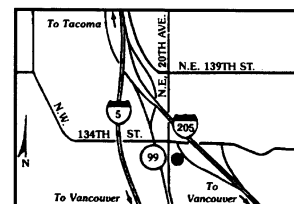
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Beacon Rock State Park Highway 14, 35 mi. east of Vancouver Reservations: 800-452-5687 (TTY 800-858-9659)	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y			Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily during winter/8 a.m. to 10 p.m. during summer, campsite reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis. The park is closed for camping Nov. 1 through March 30.
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Location

Clark County is located by the Columbia River in southwest Washington, about 70 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The Columbia River forms the western and southern boundaries of the county and provides more than 41 miles of river frontage. Portland, Oregon, is about a 15-minute drive from most areas of Clark County. The spectacular Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area lies 30 minutes to the east. Seattle is 164 miles north. San Francisco is 640 miles to the south. From the Vancouver urban hub on the Columbia, the county spreads through a rapidly growing suburban band, across agricultural lands and a network of cities and towns, to the foothills of the Cascade Mountain range. Beautiful Mount Hood rises majestically to the east and powerful Mount St. Helens lies to the north.

Population

Vancouver, the fourth largest city in Washington, is home to approximately 135,100 people. The current population of the county is 337,000. Most of the population is employed in the service and retail industries; manufacturing and government follow as major employers.

Sources: Columbia River Economic Development Council, National Weather Service, and the City of Vancouver.

Weather

The weather in the Pacific Northwest is always a favorite topic of conversation. In southwest Washington, weather conditions vary widely between ridges and valleys, and even from town to town. Vancouver enjoys mild weather with less average rainfall each year than Boston, Washington, D.C., or Atlanta. Seasons are distinct. Summer temperatures generally climb into the 80s. Winter nights rarely fall below 30 degrees Fahrenheit. The moderate climate results in lush forests and foliage with an abundance of color and fragrance in the spring with blossoming trees and shrubs.

Clark County lies within the Willamette Valley, a geographic basin formed by the Cascade and Pacific Coast mountain ranges. This location influences the climate and produces wet, mild winters and moderately dry summers. The region receives about 70 percent of its annual precipitation of 41 inches between the months of November and March. The average annual snowfall is 6.5 inches.

The annual average temperature is 61 degrees Fahrenheit. Maximum temperatures for the area range from 45 to 59 degrees from January to April with minimums between 31 and 39 degrees. The mercury rises to 65 degrees by May, and from June to August, Clark County enjoys summers with average high temperatures of 71 to 79

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Transportation

Vancouver and Clark County are a hub for Pacific Northwest transportation routes, crossroads for Interstate 5, airports, railways, bus lines and ports. Interstate 5 connects Washington, Oregon and California all the way to Mexico. Below is some information to help get you where you want to go.

Airports

Portland International Airport is 15 minutes from downtown Vancouver and easily accessed from U.S. Interstate highways 5 and 205 off the Airport Way exit. For general information, call 1-877-739-4636. Contact your airlines directly for flight information.

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C-Tran, the county's public bus service, has routes covering Clark County and connecting into Portland. C-Tran also offers curb-to-curb service for people who are unable to use regular service, as well as carpool and bike and vanpool services. Four transit centers and four park-and-ride facilities serve the area. Contact C-Tran Customer Service at 360-695-0123. For information about Portland's public transit system, call Tri-Met at 503-238-7433 and the MAX light rail service at 503-238-7433.

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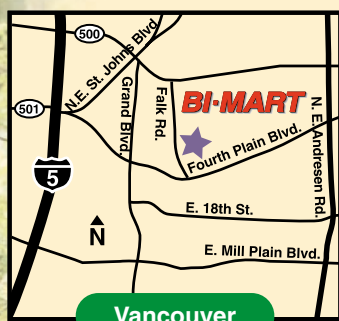
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